

## Re: RE: RE: Fwd: RE: Update on Fruitvale

cephus johnson <cephusjohnson@yahoo.com>

Wed 8/8/2018 5:48 PM

To: Wanda Johnson <oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com>; George Galvis <ggalvis@curryj.org>; Keith Muhammad <ministerkeith@comcast.net>; Beatrice X. <beatricex19@yahoo.com>; Roddrick Lee <RLee@bart.gov>; Chris Iglesias <ciglesias@unitycouncil.org>; Jennifer Easton <JEaston@BART.gov>;

Thank You, Jennifer,

Will see you on Wednesday next week.

**Cephus Johnson "Uncle Bobby X"**

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On Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 5:35:11 PM PDT, Jennifer Easton <JEaston@BART.gov> wrote:

Meeting officially cancelled for 8/8. Reschedule to 8/15.

Artist currently on my list.

Dave Young Kim: <https://www.daveyoungkim.com/>

Twin Walls Mural Co: <http://www.twinwallsmuralcompany.com/>

GriffinOne (Sean Griffin): <http://www.griffinone.com/>

Eastside Arts Alliance: no good single place to see work samples

David Burke: <http://www.dburke.org/Public-Projects-by-Hungry-Ghost-Studio>

Plus the artists on the list below.

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**From:** cephus johnson <cephusjohnson@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 5:10 PM

**To:** Wanda Johnson <oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com>; George Galvis <ggalvis@curryj.org>; Keith Muhammad <ministerkeith@comcast.net>; Beatrice X. <beatricex19@yahoo.com>; Roddrick Lee <RLee@bart.gov>; Chris Iglesias <ciglesias@unitycouncil.org>; Jennifer Easton <JEaston@BART.gov>

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Jennifer,,

We are waiting to get an official word whether the meeting is canceled. Please inform by 5:15 PM. This still could now be a bad time in looking at traffic getting out of San Jose.

The future meeting should happen whether we have just two or more people. It could get a little difficult to get all present at the same time. Next week meeting needs to happen. If Wanda or yourself cannot make it, the meeting can still happen if I am present and a Bart representative is present.

5/9/2019

Mail - JEaston@BART.gov

Let's discuss these artists below: If any have other artists of interest, please provide a link to view their work.

Josh Mays - <http://joshuamaysart.tumblr.com/>

Juana Alicia - <http://www.juanaalicia.com/>

AeroSoul (REFA 1) - <http://www.aerosoulart.com/the-vision.html>

Brett Cook - [http://brett-cook.com/www.brett-cook.com/Brett\\_Cook.html](http://brett-cook.com/www.brett-cook.com/Brett_Cook.html)

Eduardo Pineda - <http://www.storytellingwalls.com/>

After we nail down which artist could work, we will begin the dialogue with that chosen artist, possibly the following week after our discussion.

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**Cephus Johnson "Uncle Bobby X"**

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On Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 4:43:22 PM PDT, cephus johnson <cephusjohnson@yahoo.com> wrote:

Jennifer,

Wanda and I were planning to be at the meeting this evening. Do you have the senior center? If not, let's reschedule for next week at the same time and senior center.

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On Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 2:56:11 PM PDT, Jennifer Easton <JEaston@BART.gov> wrote:

As I have not had any follow-up emails or calls to my recent emails, I assume we will be rescheduling the meeting that was proposed for this evening.

I can make myself available for a new meeting date at 6 p.m. any night over the next two weeks.

*Cephus and Wanda, can you confer and please propose 3 available dates over the next two weeks for a meeting.*

George and Chris, can you also let me know what evenings you may be available over the next two weeks?

I will coordinate a meeting space either the senior center or other location if the center is not available.

I have prepared a list of 10 artists with images of past work for consideration. I have spoken with some but not all of them as yet to their availability and interest in participating.

Thank you very much and I look forward to meeting soon about the project.

~Jennifer

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**From:** cephus johnson <cephusjohnson@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:27 PM

**To:** Wanda Johnson <oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com>; George Galvis <ggalvis@curyj.org>; Keith Muhammad <ministerkeith@comcast.net>; Beatrice X. <beatricex19@yahoo.com>; Jennifer Easton <JEaston@BART.gov>; Roddrick Lee <RLee@bart.gov>; Chris Iglesias <ciglesias@unitycouncil.org>

**Subject:** Re: Fwd: RE: Update on Fruitvale

Hello Jennifer,

We need to schedule a meeting very quickly if we are to have the Mural in place for the Vigil. Next Wednesday at 6 PM. Location, Senior Center, the same as the last meeting at Fruitvale Bart Station,

Agenda:

1. Bring names of the artist for a selection process to begin
2. Those selected during the discussion process are to be informed to come to next scheduled meeting a week from August 8th, Artist attendance meeting is scheduled for **August 15th** same location same time.
3. To develop the selection process to narrowed down or completed for the meeting scheduled for August 15th.
4. Open to discussing what has and has not been done, how much time will be needed to complete the Mural Project, and what is missing from the Vigil needs.

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**Cephus Johnson "Uncle Bobby X"**

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On Friday, July 27, 2018, 5:44:13 PM PDT, Wanda Johnson <[oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com)> wrote:

See below

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From: "Jennifer Easton" <[JEaston@bart.gov](mailto:JEaston@bart.gov)>

Date: Jul 27, 2018 17:40

Subject: RE: Update on Fruitvale

To: "Wanda Johnson" <[oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com)>

Cc:

Hello Wanda,

Sorry for the delay in response, it's been crazy these last couple of days.

OK. So, I've been working on this end on a number of fronts.

1. As I mentioned earlier, BART is doing earthquake work at the site, and I am still unsure about if I'll be able to get an artist on the project with enough time to paint the mural. I think we should have a Plan B (see below).
2. Reaching out to artists – I've had some great interest from a number of interesting artists, which is really exciting. You said you have some artists to be considered, so can you provide me with their names & emails so I can reach out to them about the project. What I'm learning from the artists I have spoken with is that some could do an artwork in the time remaining, though a number of people also would like to take a bit more time to make the project really great.
3. The Planter – thankfully I found out in time that it was scheduled to be removed. I've asked if it can be retained and have gotten the okay, however now I'll need to find the resources to transition it to a bench. This will definitely take longer than end of the year.

#### PLAN B

So with the uncertainty of timing for earthquake work, and allowing the artists to have time to do the project, an idea I had was to pay an artist to paint a temporary mural on a canvas that can be displayed at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Possibly it could hang in the station after the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event until the final artwork is completed outside even. Depending on the artist would could maybe do a mural that is painted with community, or it could be painted by the artist only. The permanent project could be announced at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We would pay to have the artist paint this mural, and I would hopefully be able to get our construction crew to help install.

I just want to make sure we have something for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – I know you have been worried about this. And with the earthquake work, it may be best to think about the temporary project as a way to make sure that happens.

I have a couple of amazing artists who are really interested in participating in this project and I'm sure there are others – I just want to make sure we have an amazing permanent project and with the unknown of getting access to the site, I am also concerned.

Do you want to have a phone call next week to discuss? Or, would you prefer to meet with everyone to discuss?

Thanks so much,  
Jennifer

**From:** Wanda Johnson <[oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 2:22 PM

**To:** Jennifer Easton <[JEaston@BART.gov](mailto:JEaston@BART.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Update on Fruitvale

Hello Jennifer can you tell me what the status I have not heard anything when are we going to meet?

Wanda

On Jun 29, 2018 10:15, "Jennifer Easton" <[JEaston@bart.gov](mailto:JEaston@bart.gov)> wrote:

Hi Wanda,

If you have artists you want to be considered to do the mural, please do not invite them to the meeting. Can you send me their names? I will put together a review document of all the artists to be considered for the mural and then when the group meets we can discuss the artists to determine the best person for the commission. Because we are using public funds we need to make sure there is fair procedure for reviewing multiple artists.

I just spoke with Chris Iglesias. George Galvez is on vacation and returns at the end of next week. I will ask him about his availability to meet on 7/12, 7/16 or 7/18 in the later afternoon. Do any/all of those dates work for you?

Please let me know who you would like to invite besides yourself to this meeting. From the Fruitvale we will have George, and hopefully the young woman Evelyn you met at an earlier meeting.

Thank you Wanda, I think we still have a good amount of time to make sure we will have something special in place for the January 1 event. I understand and share your frustration - sometimes the layers of review at BART are frustratingly slow, however we do have a green light for the mural now and I'm ready to move things forward.

With best regards,  
Jennifer

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**From:** Wanda Johnson <[oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 5:40:49 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Easton  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Fruitvale

HeIII Jennifer,  
Yes we will include some artist. Also best if it's the afternoon 3 or 4pm but I am flexible I want to see this project started. So let me know the date and I will have a few artist as well there.  
We have been talking about this project since last year it's time for some action. I don't understand why it's taking so long.

Thanks  
Wanda

On Jun 28, 2018 4:46 PM, "Jennifer Easton" <[JEaston@bart.gov](mailto:JEaston@bart.gov)> wrote:

Hi Wanda,  
I'm speaking with Chris at the Unity Council about scheduling a meeting for all of us to discuss artists. When is the best time for you to meet? Afternoons? Early evening? Also who else would you like to invite?

As I mentioned, this first meeting I have a handful of artists that I think might be worth consideration - I have spoken to a number of people about possible artists. You mentioned artist names from Cephus? Please let me know if you wanted them on the discussion about what the mural will be about, or if they should be considered for possibly creating the mural.

I have reached out to a couple of the artists to see if their schedules would allow and if they would be interested. I will finish that up this week or early next week, then we can meet.

So let me know best meeting time. I believe Cephus comes from San Jose, so want to make sure he isn't sitting in traffic to attend.

Best,  
Jennifer  
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**From:** Wanda Johnson <[oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2018 4:00:32 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Easton

**Subject:** Re: Update on Fruitvale

Hello Jennifer,  
here is a follow up what do we need to do to get the mural started?

Thanks  
Wanda Johnson

On Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 3:14 PM, Jennifer Easton <[JEaston@bart.gov](mailto:JEaston@bart.gov)> wrote:

Apologies- I responded too quickly as I had asked for some clarification on the street name and the response is not as cut and dried as I first heard. Of course I received this information after I sent my first email.

What I was told is that the street naming is not approved at this time and would need to be taken up separately. I do not have further information on how or when that might happen.

So my attention will be focused on making the mural happen.

Thank you,  
Jennifer  
Sent from my field office

On Jun 13, 2018, at 2:57 PM, Jennifer Easton <[JEaston@BART.gov](mailto:JEaston@BART.gov)> wrote:

Hello Wanda,  
Rodd told me you rang him and I sincerely apologize for the delay in responding these last two days, I've been swamped prepping for an upcoming meeting. I did finally receive word last week regarding the project. I have been authorized to move forward with the mural project. I don't have a specific answer on the bench, but I believe I should be able to incorporate it into the project.

I did not get approval for the street naming.

I would like to set up a meeting as soon as possible for the mural to bring everyone together to discuss some possible artists and how we will move forward with that part of the project. Can you let me know what are the best days and times are for you to meet given your work schedule? I think most of our meetings in the past have been later in the afternoon or early evening. I will reach out to the Unity Council as well. I'd like to have the meeting this month if at all possible.

Thank you and I'm really looking forward to working on the mural project together.

Best regards,  
Jennifer

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**From:** Wanda Johnson <[oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oscargrantfoundation@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 4:12:45 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Easton  
**Cc:** cephus johnson  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Fruitvale

Hello Jennifer,  
Can you tell me what is going on? We are waiting to hear what action you want us to take and we have not heard anything from you.  
Can you tell me the status? I am also wondering about the street naming any feedback yet?  
We need to get the project going because we are running out of time.

Please provide feedback as to what is going on.

Thanks  
Wanda

On Tue, May 1, 2018 at 4:17 PM, Jennifer Easton <[JEaston@bart.gov](mailto:JEaston@bart.gov)> wrote:

Hi Wanda & Cephus,  
I'm back from my travels, and apologies for the few days since you reached out to Rodd, I was ill just after my return and had several immediate tasks to address.

To give you an update, I have a meeting with the Assistant General Manager to review the project proposal for the mural and also to advance the request for street naming. That meeting is tomorrow.

As long as I get a green light for the mural project, I have the names of several artists to consider. I'll bring us together to look at their past work and discuss which artist we'd like to invite to the project. I haven't heard back if there are artists you would like to have considered too. Please let me know.

That's what I have right now. I'll let you know more tomorrow.

Many thanks,

**Jennifer A. Easton**  
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